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Re: PFAS Sampling of Existing Long-Term Monitoring Wells – Former Fort
Devens, MA

Dear Mr. Simeone,

Thank you for your November 21, 2017 response to EPA's November 2, 2017 request for expedited PFAS groundwater sampling and analysis at several Long-Term Monitoring (LTM) well locations at the former Fort Devens (Devens). EPA appreciates Army's prompt attention to this matter and its commitment to prioritize both the requested PFAS monitoring well sampling and PFAS Remedial Investigation (RI). EPA has reviewed Army's proposed schedules for these efforts and offers the following comments and recommendations.

The proposed schedule for sample collection at select LTM well locations indicates that validated data will be submitted to EPA on March 9, 2018, 60 days after the final groundwater sample is collected. While the proposed timeframe is consistent with the data availability provisions set forth in Paragraph 10.1 of the Devens Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), EPA requests that Army share unvalidated PFAS sampling results with MassDEP and EPA as they are received from the laboratory.

Based on the proposed date for Army's issuance of the draft final PFAS RI Work Plan (May 25, 2018) and the review and comment process for finalizing primary documents outlined in Section VII of the Devens FFA, EPA estimates that field work for the PFAS RI will commence in the early July 2018 timeframe. While EPA understands the limitations and complexities associated with contract development and implementation, it is imperative that Army expedite this process wherever possible, specifically as it relates to the investigation of potential source areas near impacted drinking water supply wells to ensure protection of public health. EPA will also endeavor to expedite its review of required deliverables and hopes that Army will identify and pursue opportunities to accelerate the commencement and completion of PFAS-related investigations at Devens.

I look forward to our continued work together to address these issues. Please feel free to contact me at (617) 918-1273, Carol Keating at (617) 918-1393 or Laurie O'Connor at (617) 918-1605 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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